# Comment and Gossip On Sports of the Day

This is always the saddest time of the year for me. I hate to see a good old friend slip into the discard and never have been in sympathy with "the king is dead; long live the king" point of view. The years are slipping away all too fast, and, anyway, 1914 was good to sports. It was a year of upsets, a year of almost shocking surprises, but as season followed season interest never lagged and it was possible to jump from one branch of sport to another without a single regret, for each in its way was full and satisfying. The death of James E. Sullivan was the one blot to a year in sport to another without a single eggle, to each one blot to a year in sports that otherwise was gripping from end to end. There were disappointments, of course, the loss of the international polo cup, the loss of the Davis lawn tennis cup, the loss of a race for the America's Cup, even after Sir Thomas Lipton's challenging yacht Shamrock IV had reached these shores, but disappointments are quickly forgotten in the light of new and fresh interests. The loss of Jim Sullivan will long be felt.

IT IS not of the past, however, of which I want to write. That was pretty well covered by the review of sports in The Tribune yesterday. It is the purpose, rather, to look ahead as to what the new year which will be born at midnight on Thursday may have in store. No doubt 1915 will be as fruitful in the way of keen competition and broad participation as the year which is now tottering to its end; no doubt when twelve months have passed the same can be said of 1915 as has been said of 1914, but there is this difference: One year ago three great international fixtures loomed up for decision in our own dooryard, so to speak, to say nothing of a number of minor ones; whereas, on this new threshold only one, and that not sure, can be counted on to whet the appetite and satisfy the growing lust for international competition. The polo matches must be played, if at all, in England, and the chances are much against a challenge being sent or accepted in view of the frightful war abroad. The Davis cup matches must be played, if at all, in far off Australia, with little more than an echo reaching this country. The America's Gup race may be sailed off Sandy Hook, but the same reason which caused its postponement last September is more than likely to again interfere. The devastating war also is likely to preciude the possibility of any concerted invasion of the English links by our golfers, while the Henley regatta has been called off. There is little or no chance of the Oxford-Cambridge relay team paying another visit to these shores or the leaders in any branch of sport coming over to test their mettle on field, links or courts.

### No Need of a Stimulant.

A LL this sounds rather pessimistic. But it is just a plain statement of fact, which while weighing in the balance does not necessarily mean that the year will be lacking or that a broad general interest will lag. International competition acts as a stimulus, but the appetite for sports is so keen that a stimulant is not needed just now to insure the fullest enjoyment of what may be served. In fact, sports as a whole may be the better for a momentary respite from the general hurrah, artificial enthusiasm and mock heroics which are so much a part of any outstanding competition. A full oftentimes brings about a saner view, a less commercial aspect, and it looks to me as if the tendency of sports for 1915 will be rather to wider participation by those interested than to a more or less centralized looking on. If so, who shall say that athletics in general will not be the gainer?

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I know Dr. Richmond to be a man of high standards and broad views, but it strikes me that he is picking out exceptions—unfortunate exceptions, no doubt—to prove a rule. Commercialism next to proselyting is the most dangerous evil confronted in the conduct of college athletics, but extremes are bound to be met on the gridiron or on the diamond as well as in the classroom. Dr. Richmond's criticism, in my opinion, does not hold true for the great mass of the football played, and when it does the fault lies not so much with the game, the players or the coaches as with the general publicity demanded because of the amazing interest expressed by the graduates of the various colleges and universities in the doings of their regraduates. Perhaps this interest is overestimated by those whose duty it is to serve up the news as their judgment dictates, but from my experience it is not.

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IT WAS my good fortune to visit a number of colleges last fail and to come in close contact with many players and coaches. Almost without exception. I found that those in control deprecated mock heroics and shunned publicity, except so far as it would reflect to the credit and good name of the college or university. I know positively that Frank Hinkey, of Yale, is opposed to secret practice, scouting and the overemphasis placed by some on football. I know of other coaches who constantly seek to avoid the spotlight even when it is focussed on them by well meaning friends or hard seeking newspaper men. If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing with all one's might should be as true of football as it is of making a speech. The Union College football eleven went through last season without a defeat, and I am just as sure that this brought many Union graduates in closer sympathy with the affairs of the college as I am that Dr. Richmond's shaft was directed over the head of that team or the teams of many other smaller colleges. In any case, the cure lies with the faculty, or largely so. If the players are made to uphold their scholastic standing or suffer the consequences, athletic evils could be easily controlled

### Case of Miss Cassel.

A EXCEPTION made a week ago in this column to the otherwise excellent work of the ranking committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association was not altogether justified. Miss Clare in the Cassel, who holds the indoor championship in doubles with Mrs. Weaver, in the column of the co tells me that she was not rated by the woman's committee for the reason that she did not respond to the call for data of her work on the courts throughout the season. It should be said, perhaps, that the exception was not justified in the way expressed, but more than justified for other reasons.

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TT SEEMS altogether incongruous that a player who should be ranked not worse than sixth or seventh should be left out entirely because of failure to comply with a request from the committee. It is not likely that Miss Browne, the national champion, would have been overlooked if she had browne, the national enampion, would have been overlooked if she had neglected the formality of sending in her tournament record. This is no brief for Miss Cassel, as it seems to me that the members of the ranking committee are deserving of all the help they can possibly get from the players in carrying out their thankless and difficult task. But this does not players in carrying out their thankless and difficult task. But this does not excuse the committee for failure to do its full duty, as the data if necessary could have been had and without a great deal of labor. Miss Cassel played in enough tournaments and played well enough to deserve a ranking, and should have been accorded a place. It does not hold true in this case, but it is quite possible to presume that the request for the data might have gone astray or that the player was out of the country or too ill to provide the information. No committee should be permitted to enjoy such broad powers as to disregard such a contingency.

### And the Yankees-

FRANK FARRELL and "Big Bill" Devery still own the Yankees, or so 'tis Elizabeth Second, While the Sorth End Second, How excitement will rage when a sale is made!

\*\*PUBLICITY is the life of baseball," once said Charles Webb Murphy. The Yankees will be full of life by April 15 at the present rate.

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Regiment Armory to-morrow night. Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Syracuse and Colby are some of the colleges which will be represented.

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S to 0 here to day. The Canadians lost Win Gough's victory over a select two and tied one in a three-game series field in the "500 special" at Madison here.

# THE FLYING FINN TRIUMPHS AGAIN

Kolehmainen Defeats a Fast Field in the Bronx Road Run.

It was a IRISH-AMERICAN A. C. TAKES TEAM TROPHY

> Church House Athletes Put Up Hard Fight and Capture Second Place.

Hannes Kolehmainen, the Finnish istance runier, wound up the season eith an easy victory in the open scratch six and a quarter-mile run of he Bronx Home News" over a course the eastern section of The Bronx

Over 200 athletes went in quest of the score of prizes. After the first half mile Kolehmainen was always in the lead, winning by almost thirty yards, in the fast time of 35 minutes 39

Pat Flynn, another Irish-American runner, ran a good second. Third over the line was Arthur Roth, of the Mohawk Athletic Club. Tom Barden, a former 'cross-country champion of the Irish-American Athletic Club, was passed by Roth in the last quarter mile, but was home in fourth place, a safe distance in advance of Niek Gian accounts, of the Millrose Athletic Club. With Kolehmainen, Flynn, Barder and Frank Zuna, who finished eighth, four of the team which captured the senior national 'cross-country championship, the Irish-American Athletic Club also carried home the point trophy with a total of 31 points. Villiam Razette was the fifth runner of the winning team, finishing twenty-sevice. Pat Flynn, another Irish-American

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The Bronx Church House was second, with 44 points, while the Mohawk Athletic Club was third, with 58 points. The Teinity Club, St. Anselm's Athletic Club and the Union Settlement Athletic Club and the Union Settlement Athletic Club were the other organizations of the two days externed to com-

Last Year, Is Far Down on List.

Another week in the Athletic Bowl-

When a Feller Needs a Friend



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Jack take his thumps the other two pathers refused to go on.

Levin, who is a rugged and shifty 170-pounder, started to mix right off the recl, and before the bout and gone half a minute White planted a short left joit flush on the chin, dropping him like a log. After a few minutes' rest the bout continued.

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won the cup outright. Bullock and Al-25 in the shoot for the special prize, and in the shoot-off Bullock won again. He also won the leg for the accumulation cup after shooting off a tie of 24 with Alfred Stoddard. Bullock was also

Lack of Wind Spoils Yachting Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 27.-The Independent Club boys had their fleet of eight ice yachts all ready for starting this morning and afternoon, but not once during the day did the wind blow sufficiently to propel a yacht across the

with R. L. Spotts, and G. J. Corbett, on October 3; Yale, October 3; Fale, all three having returned full scores. lin and Marshall, October 16; Muhlen-berg, October 23; Gettysburg, October trophy after a shoot-off with Corbett, 30; Penn. State, Friday, November 5; W. B. Short, C. W. Ward and D. Coddington.

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high scratch man for the day, with a total of 89. The distance handicap was wen by C. A. Marsiand with a score of 20, shooting from 16 yards.

The scores follow:

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Surprise in a State

League Match.

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Big Upset.

The Brooklyn Celtics were defeate

for the first time in three years it :

New York State League match g

Lenox Oval yesterday afternoon, bes.

oor junior metropolitan lawn tennis championship ever held in this city. It Columbia Oval Springs starts to-day in the 7th Regiment Armory, at Park av. and 66th st. More than seventy-five schoolboys are entered, among whom are some of the most prominent youngsters on the

Junior Indoor Lawn Tennis

Tourney Starts To-day.

All is in readiness for the first in-

By BRIGGS.

Harold Throckmorton, who won the DAVIS SCORES BOTH Harold Throckmorton, who won the first junior metropolitan tournament at the West Side Tennis Club last September, is now over the age limit of eighteen years, but H. W. Forster, of Yonkers, the runner-up to Throckmorton, and H. L. Bowman, another promising player, are entered, as well as many boys from out of town.

King Smith, of the 7th Regiment, will act as official referee. The tournament is being held as part of Raymond D. Little's campaign for the development of the younger element in the game.

# 'PRO' GOLFERS WILL VISIT THE SOUTH

## Brady and Nicholls to Make Extended Tour— Tourney at Lakewood. A pair of prominent professional A pair of Wollaston, and Davis, at inside left for the winner, was in rare form. He scored but points, one in each half. Playing Make Extended Tour-

Gel Nicholls, of Wilmington, have arranged to team up for an extended exhibition tour in the South. Their plan is to leave this city on January 8, going direct to New Orleans, After stopping there a few days the pair will continue on to Texas, touching at Beaument, Houston, San Antonio and From Texas the "pros" will go to

Prom lexas the Pros Will go to California, playing at Los Angeles, Pasadena. San Diego, Redlands, Del Monte, Riverdale, Santa Cruz and San Francisco. If time permits, links at Seattle and Tacoma will be visited, as well as the Denver Country Club. Unless there is a change in the programme, the professionals will be gone from ten to twelve weeks, during which time they will cover close to

When it is remembered that only last summer Nicholls was so badly injured in an automobile smash-up that his life was despaired of, it seems difficult to realize that he will soon be tramping over the links the same as of old. Gil is a younger brother to ben Nicholls, who also has a Southern tour mapped out. Ben will start the latter part of January with Tom Anderson.

On Friday of this week the Country Club of Lakewood will usher in the new year with a two-day tournament in which golfers will qualify in eights. Golf at Lakewood at this season is more or less an experiment, but, unless the weather should be too stormy, the club's officials will carry out the programme as per schedule. At Pinehurst a tournament is carded to start on January 5.

John Bell, holder of the evening high was all in favo school 'cross-country championship, won by more that a full minute in the three-and-three-quarter-mile run of the Long Island Athletic Club over the Bushwick section of Brooklyn yester-Taking command at the second mile, secured

Bell Wins Three-Mile Run.

Billiards can team here to-day by a score 1 to 0 in the final contest of their to. The All-Nationals won twenty-nine the fifty games played on the tour. The score fellows:

REPAIRS BY EXPERT MECHAN